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VIA COURIER

Lawrence M. Noble, Esquire
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999 E Street, N.W.
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Re: MUR 3774 -- National Republican Senatorial Committee and Stan Huckaby, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Noble:

The 109-page General Counsel's Probable Cause brief in the above-captioned matter was signed and dated July 30, 1999, three days before publication of Judge Green's decision in Federal Election Commission v. The Christian Coalition, No. 96-1781 (D.C.D.C. Aug. 2, 1999). Judge Green's decision is precisely on-point to the arguments made in your brief. That Judge Green rendered this decision would seem especially significant since she has already heard issues involving MUR 3776. See Democratic Senatorial Campaign Comm. V. FEC, No. 95-0349 (D.C.D.C. April 17, 1996).

Further, the NRSC was an initial respondent in the underlying enforcement action upon which Judge Green rendered her decision. See MUR 3669. The Commission took no further action in that matter against the NRSC - a decision affirmed by Judge Green in her August 2, 1999 opinion.

In light of Judge Green's ruling, it would be both unwise and unfair to require the NRSC to respond to the General Counsel's probable cause brief without a thorough examination and analysis by the Commission of the court's opinion and its impact on this MUR. We request that the Office General Counsel file a Supplemental Brief analyzing The Christian Coalition decision in the context of MUR 3774.

We would then request 45 days from the date of receipt of your Supplemental Brief to file a response.

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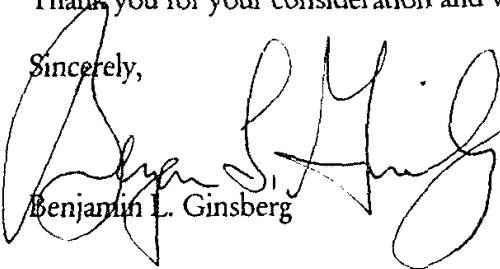
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This decision by the same judge who has this MUR in her court is a significant development. Fundamental fairness dictates that the Office of General Counsel address it at this juncture in this enforcement matter.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

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